The Gallup Poll

Ford Trails Kennedy by Wide Margin

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PRINCETON, N.J.—Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's renewed disavowal that he is a presidential candidate comes at a time when he has moved into a clear lead over President Ford in the latest nationwide trial heat.

The Massachusetts Democrat's lead over Mr. Ford is 50 to 43 per cent. In the previous survey (May 30-June 2), they were deadlocked, with Kennedy winning the support of 45 per cent of registered voters to 44 per cent for Mr. Ford. In a still earlier survey, conducted soon after Mr. Ford took office last August, the new President held a 57 to 33 per cent lead over Kennedy.

Kennedy, the No. 1 choice of Democratic voters for their party's nomination, is the only Democrat tested during Mr. Ford's year in office who is able to defeat the President in these trial heats.

Here are the questions asked July 18-21 of registered voters among the 1,561 adults interviewed nationwide:

	Kennedy	Ford	Other/ Undecided
LATEST	50%	43%	7%
May 30-June 2 .	45	44	11
August, 1974 ..	33	57	10